

192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 410, after ordering the previous question without objection.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Rejected the Obey motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause by voice vote.

Pages H5917–18

Agreed to:

Royce amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) modified, to make technical and conforming changes to the text and also removes an amendment adopted during the full committee markup relating to subsection 4(b)(7); **Pages H5981–19**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) expresses the sense of Congress declaring the importance of the South Asia region and urging the continuation of the United States' policy of engagement, collaboration, and exchanges with and between India and Pakistan;

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Fortenberry amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) modified, to provide Congress with the ability to assess, to the extent possible, whether annual levels of India's nuclear fissile production may imply a possible violation of Article I of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty; and

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Stearns amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) to reinforce the intent of Congress that the nuclear cooperation into which the governments of the United States and India would enter is for peaceful, productive purposes, not military (by a recorded vote of 414 ayes with none voting "noe", Roll No. 407).

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Rejected:

Sherman amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) which sought to require that, before any nuclear cooperation with India can go forward, and every year thereafter, the President must certify that during the preceding year India has not increased the level of domestic uranium it sends through its weapons program. Baseline for the determination under the amendment is the 365 day period preceding the July 18, 2005 Bush-Singh declaration on nuclear cooperation (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 408); and

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Berman amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–599) that sought to restrict exports of uranium and other types of nuclear reactor fuel (defined as "source material" and "special nuclear material" in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954) to India until the President determines that India has halted the production of fissile material (i.e. plutonium and highly enriched uranium) for use in nuclear weapons (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 409).

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H. Res. 947, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 112 nays, Roll No. 406, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H5900–01

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Financial Services have until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006 to file a report on H.R. 5637, to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance.

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Summer District Work Period: The House completed debate on H. Con. Res. 454, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, July 27th.

Pages H5873–74

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5860, H5902.

Senate Referrals: S. 3549 was referred to the Committees on Financial Services, International Relations, and Energy and Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5899–H5900, H5900, H5900–01, H5926, H5926–27, H5927, H5929–30, H5930. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS STANDARDS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Elsea, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, CRS, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses

NUCLEAR MATERIAL DISPOSITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on plutonium disposition and the U.S. Mixed Oxide Fuel Facility. Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Charles Anderson, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management; Ambassador Michael Guhin, Fissile Materials Negotiator, Department of State; and a public witness.

ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE— EXAMINING VIEWS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Examining Views on English as the Official Language. Testimony was heard from Senator Paul McKinley, General Assembly, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4583, amended, Wool Suit Fabric Labeling Fairness and International Standards Conforming Act; H.R. 1078, amended, Social Security Number Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 5863, To authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

SILICOSIS STORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5503, FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5851, Hawaiian Ownership Opportunity Act; and H.R. 5637, amended, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Abuse: What is Being Done to Address this New Drug Epidemic.” Testimony was heard from Bertha Madras, Deputy Director, Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Policy; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and Sandra Kweder, M.D., Deputy Director, Office of New Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; Joe Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control,

DEA, Department of the Judiciary; and public witnesses.

FOIA IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Implementing FOIA—Does the Administration’s Executive Order Improve Processing?” Testimony was heard from Senators Cornyn and Leahy; Representative Sherman; Dan Metcalfe, Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Department of Justice; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTERS PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology held a hearing entitled “Emergency Care Crisis: A Nation Unprepared for Public Health Disasters.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGIONAL IMMIGRATION CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Immigration: Responding to a Regional Crisis. Testimony was heard from Crescenio Arcos, Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of State: Elizabeth A. Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Mark Silverman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS; ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue mark up of H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005; H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; and H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act of 2005.

The Committee also approved the following motions: Establishing a Special Investigative Task Force of the Committee for the consideration of H. Res. 916, Impeaching Manuel L. Real, judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, for high crimes and misdemeanors; and to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 479, amended, To replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-095 in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 4893, amended, To amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming; H.R. 5861, amended, To amend the National Historic Preservation Act; and S. 1773, Pueblo de San Lldefonso Claims Settlement Act of 2005.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4157, to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology, with 35 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and 25 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, modified by the amendment printed in Part B of the report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part C of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 4157, it shall be in order to consider in the House S. 1418. The rule

waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4157 as passed by the House. The rule waives all points of order against that motion. The rule provides that if the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendments to S. 1418 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 924 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton, Representatives Wilson of South Carolina, Gingrey, McMorris, Price of Georgia, Pallone, Markey, Towns, Wynn, Jackson of Illinois, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and Christensen.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 27, 2006, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes; (2) a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Davis (VA), Representatives Boehlert, Tiahrt, and Weiner, but action was deferred on H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act of 2006.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on proposed amendments to and reauthorization of the National Dam Safety Program Act. Testimony was heard from David I. Maurstad, Director, Mitigation Division and Federal Insurance Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security;

Steven L. Stockton, Deputy Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Ruth A. Moore, Deputy Commissioner, Natural Resources and Water Quality, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York; and public witnesses.

IMPACTS OF BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ON WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Impacts of Border Security and Immigration on Ways and Means Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families; and Thomas A. Gustafson, Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Julie L. Myers, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Reform, Department of Homeland Security; Mark W. Emerson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ACQUISITION REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Community Acquisition Reform. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 838)

S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Signed on July 26, 2006. (Public Law 109-245)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture's use of technical service providers, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General James T. Conway, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold a hearing to examine pending nominations, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 3638, to encourage the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects to plan, design, and construct water

supply projects and to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to encourage the design, planning, and construction of projects to treat impaired surface water, reclaim and reuse impaired groundwater, and provide brine disposal in the State of California, S. 3639, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to provide standards and procedures for the review of water reclamation and reuse projects, H.R. 177, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, H.R. 2341, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Austin, Texas, and H.R. 3418, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine a path forward for the nation's emergency preparedness and response system relating to the Stafford Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, and S. 3495, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard W. Graber, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Karen B. Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine S. 3128, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, S. 3721, to amend the Homeland Security Act of